

Prime Cast

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Forging ahead with the implementation of Kenya's new Constitution, President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga nominated three candidates, including a new chief justice, to the judiciary last week.

Dr. Willy Mutunga was nominated to lead Kenya's newly established Supreme Court as chief justice. Nancy Baraza was nominated to be deputy chief justice, making her one of the highest ranking women in the country.

Dr. Mutunga is a former chairman of the Law Society and the Kenya Human Rights Commission, and is a former professor at the Kenya Law School. He is well known as a vocal champion for reforms in the country and was a leader in the call for a new Constitution.

Baraza, who has practiced law for over 30 years, is the vice chairperson of the Kenya Law Reform Commission and a former chair of FiDA, a nonprofit organization that works to improve the legal standing of women in Kenya.

"In these two candidates, the Commission has seen the attributes and the vision we were looking for when we started the interview process. They are a man and a woman we can trust the Judiciary with," said Christine Mango, chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission.

The president and prime minister also nominated Keriako Tobiko as director of public prosecutions.

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